What To Look Out For

- Strangers in your neighborhood.
- Someone looking in the windows of parked cars or houses.
- Strangers knocking on front doors then going to the back of the property out of view.
- Suspicious or unknown vehicles driving slowly with no apparent destination.
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child.
- Anything that seems unusual or suspicious, trust your instincts.

County Resources

For information about the police department or other Chesterfield County Services please visit:



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For any questions, call the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at (804) 318-8699 or email NeighborhoodWatch@Chesterfield.gov Chesterfield County Police Department Neighborhood Watch Coordinator 2730 Hicks Road N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

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Neighborhood Watch

BUILDING PRIDE

PREVENTING CRIME

REDUCING FEAR

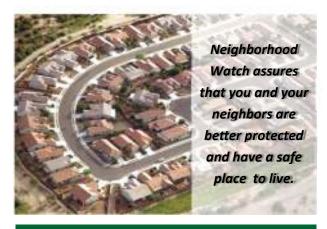
STRENGTHENING BONDS





Neighborhood Watch is...

- Staying alert to activities in your neighborhood.
- Getting to know your neighbors and encouraging everyone to look out for each other; it's easy to do while walking your dog, driving through your neighborhood or just looking out your window.
- Donating a small amount of your time to observe and report suspicious activities in your neighborhood. You will be one of the thousands of residents who contribute to the prevention of crime.
- Reporting suspicious activities by calling 911.
- Filing reports of a non-emergency nature can be made by calling 748-1251.



Neighborhood Watch is Not...

- A group of vigilantes taking the law into their own hands.
- A group that takes the place of the police.
- Enforcing the law or apprehending criminals.

How to Start a Neighborhood Watch

- Meet with your neighbors to share concerns about crime and other issues in your area.
- Involve everyone: young and old, homeowners, renters and businesses.
- Designate a Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.
- Contact the Chesterfield County Crime Prevention Office at (804) 318-8699, and indicate that you would like to form a Neighborhood Watch.
- The Neighborhood Watch Coordinator should have 60% of the residents sign a petition to demonstrate their support. Visiting neighbors and going door to door is a great way to recruit members.
- Once completed, contact our crime prevention office to schedule your start-up meeting at a location of your choosing, such as a home, library, church or school.
- The purpose of this meeting is to have the crime prevention officer introduce the Neighborhood Watch program to your participants and answer your questions.
- Learn basic crime prevention concepts (lights, locks and reducing opportunities for crime).



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What Do Watch Members Do?

- Work together with the police department to help each other detect, prevent and reduce crime.
- Receive training to raise alertness and recognize suspicious or potential criminal activity.
- Keep up to date about activities in their neighborhood.
- Assist police by reporting suspicious events and providing valuable information to help them investigate and apprehend criminals.

I've Started My Neighborhood Watch, Now What Do I Do?

- Continue communicating with your neighbors via email and regular meetings; work with your homeowner's association, if applicable; share email updates you receive from the police department.
- Meetings can provide educational opportunities, such as inviting a speaker to highlight current events in crime prevention, as well as including social time to get to know each other.
- Plan and sponsor events, such as National Night Out, a nationally recognized event that takes place the second Tuesday in August. Chesterfield County has received national

recognition for its participation and continues to encourage community involvement.

